Installation of bio-gas plants

t 2887. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bio-gas plants installed in the country till date during the last three years, State-wise particularly in Delhi;

(b) how many of these plants are operational and how many are closed, location-wise;

(c) whether the gas stoves are available in the market;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details regarding setting up of the bio-gas plants during this financial year, particularly in the rural areas, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Under the National Biogas and Manure Management Programme (NBMMP)' of the Ministry, a cumulative total of 2,25,715 family type biogas plants have been set up in the country during the last three years. The State-wise number of biogas plants installed during the last three years is given in enclosed Statement. *{See* below). Due to availability of other types of fuels and a very limited availability of cattle dung, installation of family type biogas plants is not a preferred option in Delhi.

(b) Detailed particulars of biogas plants, including information on non-functional plants are generally maintained at the block/district level by the State nodal departments/agencies and in the State offices of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission. A diagnostic sample study, conducted in 19 States in the year 2000-2001 by the Programme Evaluation Organization, Planning Commission, reported that about 81 per cent of the plants surveyed were found commissioned. In a recent sample inspection carried out by the Regional Offices of the Ministry during 2005-06, an average functionality of 91 per cent has been reported for the biogas plants inspected in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) For the current financial year (2008-09), a target for setting up of an aggregated capacity of 3 lakh m^3 biogas plants has been fixed for implementation in various States of the country.

Statement

State-wise number of biogas plants installed during last three years: 2005-06 *to* 2007-08 *under National Biogas and Manure Management Programme (NBMMP)*

(No. of plants)

State/Agency	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08 (February 2008)
Andhra Pradesh	7,500	18,002	12,449*
Arunachal Pradesh	34	60	62*
Assam	0	0	1,048

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

State/Agency	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08 (February 2008)
Bihar	0	250	0
Chhattisgarh	3,862	4,446	634*
Goa	86	75	8*
Gujarat	5,001	7,905	5,148*
Haryana	985	1,068	127*
Himachal Pradesh	79	155	75*
Jharkhand	125	110	0
Karnataka	1,747	3,023	999*
Kerala	2,100	4,214	1,916
Madhya Pradesh	6,738	10,642	6,809
Maharashtra	7,599	12,660	11,144
Manipur	0	0	0
Meghalaya	55	60	78*
Mizoram	100	100	29*
Nagaland	100	200	131*
Orissa	1,500	3,922	1,016*
Punjab	1,685	1,789	1,500
Rajasthan	3	0	0
Sikkim	100	185	169
Tamil Nadu	1,492	727	778
Tripura	0	32	0
Uttar Pradesh	3,753	3,636	986*
Uttaranchal	306	351	370
West Bengal	7,578	8,500	8,383
Khadi and Village Industries Commission	10,000	15,053	11,713
Others	0	0	0
TOTAL:	62,528	97,165	65,572*

*Figures are being firmed up.

Chandrapur Thermal Power Plant

2888. SHRIMATI SUPR1YA SULE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maharashtra Government has given sanction for Chandrapur Thermal Power Plant;

(b) whether the joint power generation project of cooperative sugar factories would benefit fifty-six sugar factories in the State;